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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 27 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 13 and 26 as follows:

13. (Twice Amended) A system for demonstrating software programs to a potential purchaser of the programs on a user-selected computer and for gathering marketing information related to the demonstration of the programs and providing the marketing information to a distribution center, comprising:

receive means for receiving a plurality of software programs to be demonstrated;

protection means for maintaining each of the software programs in [an undivided] a locked state in order to prevent unauthorized duplication of the software programs;

sample means for enabling any of the software programs for execution upon selection by a user on the user-selected computer, for allowing the user to subsequently sample the selected software program, for maintaining the selected software program in the locked state during the sampling of the selected software program in order to prevent unauthorized duplication of the

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